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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 19 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON THE BRAHIMI REPORT

3 p.m. closed meeting Consultation Room

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1267 (1999)
CONCERNING AFGHANISTAN

3.30 p.m. 2nd (closed) meeting* Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting.

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with women and peace and security.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 37th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Security Council (A/55/2) [11]

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Netherlands addressed to the President of the General Assembly on agenda item 181 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) (A/55/495) [8]

3. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [31]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/300 and Add.1 and 2)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.9)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 3

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83] (A/55/20, A/55/153 and A/C.4/55/L.8)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [94]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.5

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy [94 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4

3. Environment and sustainable development [95] (A/55/95, A/55/99-E/2000/86 and A/55/357)

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (A/55/25, A/55/78-E/2000/56, A/55/94, A/55/120 and A/55/447)

   Conclusion of the general discussion

4. Environment and sustainable development [95] (A/55/95, A/55/99-E/2000/86 and A/55/357)

   (b) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/55/211)

   (c) Water supply and sanitation (A/55/65-E/2000/19)

   (d) Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/55/185 and A/C.2/55/3)

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/55/331)

   (f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/55/91)

   - *Introduction and general discussion*

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 2

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– *Continuation of general discussion*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112] (A/55/18* (Suppl. No. 18) and Add.1*, A/55/203, A/55/266, A/55/285, A/55/304, A/55/307, A/55/459)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [113] (A/55/176 and Add.1, A/55/334)

General discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [107]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.12, L.14 and L.15

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112] (A/55/18* (Suppl. No. 18) and Add.1*, A/55/203, A/55/266, A/55/285, A/55/304, A/55/307, A/55/459)

3. Right of peoples to self-determination [113] (A/55/176 and Add.1, A/55/334)

Continuation of general discussion

4. Programme planning [118] (A/55/6, A/55/16 and A/C.3/55/6)

Consideration of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform and Outsourcing practices (A/55/127, A/54/866, A/55/458, A/55/301 and A/55/479))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [162] (PCNICC/2000/L.3/Rev.1, PCNICC/2000/INF/3, Add.1 and 2)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held *today*, 19 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Briefing

The Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, H.E. Mr. David Stuart (Australia), will hold a briefing on the outcome of the second meeting of the Bureau of the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (Cesky Krumlov, 6-7 October 2000), *today*, 19 October, after the adjournment of the afternoon meeting of the Second Committee in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 19 October 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on culture and development)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the outcome of the World Summit for Development)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on human settlements, desertification, El Niño, complementary of conventions, Rio+10 review)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from *today*, 19 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Briefing

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place *today*, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on small arms (A/C.1/55/L.28), organized by the delegation of Japan, *today*, 19 October 2000, *from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.* in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Paterson (New Zealand), will hold informal consultations on a text of the Chairperson's draft resolution under agenda item 108 *today*, 19 October 2000, in the afternoon, immediately following action by the Third Committee on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.12, L.14 and L.15, in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 20 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	38th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe: draft resolution (A/55/L.8) [170]

Tenth emergency special session

3 p.m.	14th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [5]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing on globalization and appropriate governance under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Wednesday, 25 October 2000 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The briefing will be given by Professor J. Bhagwati of Columbia University. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations and press are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 114 (Human rights questions), beginning on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, as follows:

On Tuesday, 24 October, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions);

On Wednesday, 25 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance); Mr. Arjun K. Sengupta (Independent expert on the right to development); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq);

On Thursday, 26 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi);

On Friday, 27 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

On Wednesday, 1 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects will hold an informal inter-sessional meeting on Friday, 20 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to continue the consideration of the issues before the Preparatory Committee.

All States, as well as specialized agencies, other relevant intergovernmental organisations and relevant entities, having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and in the work of the General Assembly are invited to participate in the above meeting.

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G, tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Thursday, 26 October, to Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet from 23 October to 22 November 2000 in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1. p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Symposium

There will be a symposium on "Strategies for Youth Participation", organized by the Permanent Mission of India, on Friday, 20 October 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the role of the United Nations in promotir .ew global human order (agenda item 174), organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana, will take place on Friday, 20 October 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 1 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 2 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Panel discussion

The International NGO Committee on Human Rights will host a panel discussion on "Mandate and Mainstreaming of the Work of the Thematic Special Representatives and Rapporteurs" on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues: climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

363rd plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/55/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cyprus, the United Kingdom, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Angola, Canada, New Zealand and Tajikistan, by H.E. the Honourable Dubem Onyia, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, and by the representatives of Bangladesh, Tunisia, Pakistan, the Sudan, Malta and South Africa.

Tenth special emergency session

13th plenary meeting

Resumption of the tenth emergency special session

The President of the General Assembly declared resumed the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution ES-10/6 of 9 February 1999.

The President drew the attention of delegations to documents A/ES-10/36 and A/ES-10/37.

The President informed members that, in accordance with rule 63 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly, the President and the Vice-Presidents of the fifty-fifth session would serve in the same capacity at the resumed tenth emergency session.

On the proposal of the President, the General Assembly decided that the Credential Committee at the resumed tenth emergency special session would consist of the same members as those appointed at the fifty-fifth session.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/ES-10/38 and Add.1) [122]

The General Assembly took note of a letter by the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/38) concerning 16 Member States that were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the term of Article 19 of the Charter.

The General Assembly also took note that Haiti had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [5]

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Senegal (Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People) and South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement).

The observer of Palestine made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

The representative of Gabon made a statement pertaining to agenda items 73 (k) and 74 (a).

The representative of Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.43.

The representative of Poland made a statement pertaining to agenda item 73 (o) and the Conference on Disarmament.

The representative of Mali introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.11.

The representative of the Niger made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.11 as a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.31.

The representative of Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR) made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.18.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/55/L.9 and A/C.1/55/L.10.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.26 and made a statement pertaining to the report of the Disarmament Commission.

The representative of Japan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.39.

The representative of Australia made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.39.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.8.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.2.

The representative of China made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.2.

The representative of Belarus made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.2.

The representative of Sri Lanka made a statement pertaining to agenda item 73 (s).

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.35.

The representative of Iraq made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.2.

SECOND COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions: science and technology for development [92 (d)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.3

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development [95]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Norway, Cuba, Bangladesh, Indonesia (on behalf of the ASEAN countries) and Mongolia.

THIRD COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard introductory statements by the Executive Coordinator for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, the Special Rapporteur on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination and the Special Rapporteur on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the presenters, in which the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, France, Cuba, Iraq, Angola, Austria, Namibia and Kuwait took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ecuador, Norway, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Senegal (also on behalf of Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Mali, Sierra Leone, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, the Niger, Mauritania, Ghana and Nigeria), Pakistan and Kuwait.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that the length of statements under agenda item 114, scheduled for the following week would be as follows: sub-item (a): 7 minutes for individual delegations and 15 minutes for groups of delegations; sub-items (b), (c), (d) and (e): 7 minutes for individual delegations on one sub-item; 10 minutes for individual delegations on two sub-items; and 15 minutes for individual delegations on all four sub-items.The time limit for groups of delegations would be a maximum of 30 minutes.

The Chairperson also made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work for Thursday, 19 October.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Establishment of an International Criminal Court [162]

The Legal Counsel made a statement.

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court also made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Malta, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Lesotho (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), China, the United States, Sierra Leone, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Canada, South Africa and Norway.

10th meeting

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [156]

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and associated States), Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Turkey, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine and Yemen.

The Committee concluded its debate on item 156.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee also spoke.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

46th meeting

Note: The summary of the 46th meeting of the Economic and Social Council will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/204).

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventieth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2000

1872nd and 1873rd (closed) meetings

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Accession: Bolivia (16 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Bulgaria (13 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "World Space Week and the Contributions of Space to Sustainable Development". The briefing will be held *today*, 19 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 am. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 19 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Award ceremony

The Fourth Annual Race Against Poverty Awards ceremony, under the theme "Breaking the silence on HIV/AIDS", will take place on Monday, 23 October 2000, at 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Mr. Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, will be the Master of Ceremonies. The Secretary-General will award four activists for their action against HIV/AIDS. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Zakaria Fellah (tel. (212) 906-5382).

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Special events

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will host an Open House and Information Fair for delegates and staff of the permanent missions and the Secretariat on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, United Nations Day 2000, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. There will be demonstrations of the Library's newest product, UNBISnet, an Internet accessible database containing the index to all United Nations documentation issued since 1979. In addition, there will be demonstrations of other electronic resources, such as UN-I-QUE, Lexis-Nexis, the EIU databases, Oxford Analytica, NewsEdge.

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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a special event in connection with the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Major participants in this event will be human rights leaders from the United States of America, Goodwill Ambassadors for the World Conference and Mr. Saïkou Diallo. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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